



HPA BYLAWS SCHEDULE F
Part 4 – CERTIFIED PRACTICE – DRUG ADMINISTRATION BY INJECTION
AND INTRANASAL ROUTE
STANDARDS, LIMITS AND CONDITIONS

STANDARDS

1. The pharmacist must assess the appropriateness of the drug for a patient, including:
 - Appropriate indication for the patient
 - Appropriate dose and route of administration
 - Allergy status
 - Risk factors, including immunosuppression and pregnancy
 - Contraindications and precautions including anaphylaxis and fainting
 - Prior immunization history
2. Obtain informed consent from the patient or patient's representative with regards to:
 - Drug to be administered
 - Purpose of the drug
 - Benefits and risks of the drug
 - Remaining in the pharmacy for a 15-30 minute wait period following administration of the drug
3. If administering drug by injection, prepare and provide care of the injection site including:
 - Assessing the injection site
 - Selecting and landmarking the injection site
 - Determining the requirement for dressings
4. Prepare for drug administration including:
 - Using aseptic technique and universal precautions for infection control in preparation, administration, and disposal of the drug
5. The pharmacist must document for each drug given:
 - Informed consent
 - Assessment of the appropriateness of the drug for the patient
 - Drug, dose and lot number given
 - Route of administration
 - Site of administration
 - Date and time of administration
 - Any adverse reaction experienced due to the drug administered
 - Patient or patient's representative contact information
 - Providing patient or patient's representative with the administering pharmacists' contact information
 - Patient teaching done
 - Adverse reactions and management
 - Plans for follow-up
6. Implement appropriate emergency measures including but not limited to:
 - Basic first aid
 - Use of epinephrine and diphenhydramine
 - CPR
 - Management of needlestick injuries



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7. Develop, maintain and review, at least annually, a policy and procedure manual including:
 - Emergency procedure and treatment protocol
 - Precautions required for patients with latex allergies
8. Maintain a setting within which the drug is to be administered that is clean, safe, comfortable and appropriately private and furnished for the patient.
9. Notify and provide relevant information to other health professionals, as appropriate, including:
 - The Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) form

LIMITS

1. A practising pharmacist must not administer a drug by injection or intranasal route unless it is for the purpose of immunization.
2. A practising pharmacist must not administer an injection to a child under 5 years old.
3. A practising pharmacist must not administer a drug by intranasal route to a child under 2 years old.

CONDITIONS

1. A practising pharmacist must apply to the College of Pharmacists of B.C. for certification to administer immunizations within 1 year of successful completion of the required certification program.
2. A practising pharmacist must not provide immunization services in B.C. prior to receiving notification from the College of Pharmacists of B.C. of their certification to administer immunizations.